Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program
Annual Report

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Yukon

Economic Development

Film & Sound Commission

Minister's Message

I am pleased to introduce the 2010-2011 Yukon Film and Sound Incentive Programs Annual Report.

The goals of the Yukon Film and Sound Incentive Programs are to increase the level of film and sound recording production in Yukon, to maximize Yukon employment opportunities, as well as to assist in the development of professional careers in these two industry sectors.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, $548,121 in funding was approved under the programs to support a variety of film and sound projects. Since the inception of the program in 2003 to March, 2011, over $4.67 million was awarded to 240 film and sound-related projects and initiatives.

The program supports local, national, and international film productions that provide film industry jobs in Yukon and offer Yukoners opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and experience. Members of Yukon's music industry are provided with support for sound recording projects that form an important component of their career development.

Through the Yukon Film Training Initiative, training opportunities are made available that foster career development for script writers, producers, directors and film crew. The financial support for this training dove-tails with the mandates and initiatives of film industry organizations.

Film activity in Yukon continues to grow, with a number of large productions choosing Yukon as a film location. Our music industry is enjoying successful concerts and tours throughout Canada and around the world.

The Government of Yukon is pleased to continue its support of these programs that provide opportunities for career and industry growth while enhancing economic diversification throughout the territory.

I recognize and applaud the outstanding achievements of our Yukon musicians, filmmakers, professional crew and technicians.

Sincerely,

Currie Dixon
Minister of Economic Development

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$386,652.96

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

Yukon Spend Rebate *- Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week), documentaries and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of below-the-line Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.*

Training Rebate *- Productions (not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training (techniques and equipment) for eligible Yukon labour.*

Travel Rebate *Productions (including commercials) are eligible for a 50 per cent rebate on travel costs, subject to a percentage and dollar maximum, depending on the production type.*

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Quatre Zero Un	Commercial *"Hockey"* (RBC)	$4,000.00	Complete
Gedeon Programmes	*Nomades Land Canada*	$7,627.16	Complete
Rob Toohey Locations Ltd	Darlow Smithson *"I Shouldn't Be Alive"* Everest/Snowmobile	$48,591.41	Complete
Rob Toohey Locations Ltd	Darlow Smithson *"I Shouldn't Be Alive"* Avalanche/Stuck on a Ledge	$50,318.89	Complete
TCF Vancouver Productions Ltd.	Feature *"The Big Year"*	$276,115.50	Awaiting final reporting

Yukon Film Development Fund

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$43,403.00

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50 per cent of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of $35,000, or 33 per cent of total project expenses, whichever is the lesser, is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional $10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster/distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Self-Inflicted Entertainment Inc.	Feature – *Based on a True Fantasy*	$10,218.00	Phase Complete
Northern Town Films Inc.	Feature - *A Long Way Around* Phase 3	$14,566.00	Active
Nah Ho Productions Inc.	Feature *Trapper Johnson* Phase 2	$18,619.00	Active

Yukon Film Production Fund

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$3,634.50

Under the Film Production Fund, up to $500,000/project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement. Requests for amounts over the maximum of $500,000 are subject to Management Board approval.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 30 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 20 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Northern Town Films Inc.	Short Film *"Milton"*	$3,634.50	Complete

Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$ 26,450.00

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to $3,000/person/year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work and/or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Dawson City Arts Society	Ron Mann Master Class	$675.00	Complete
Arlin McFarlane	Women In the Directors Chair 2011	$3,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Yukon Film Society	Available Light Film Festival Industry Forum 2011	$22,775.00	Complete

Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$40,135.00

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to $8,000/applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1 and December 1.

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Heidi Slat	King Kras	$4,000.00	Active
Christopher Levett	Observation and Intention	$6,000.00	Active
Edward Westerhuis	Victory Vacation	$6,135.00	Active
Jessica Hall	Speed Control	$8,000.00	Complete
Ian Basso	No Services: The Life and Times of the Alaska Highway Lodges	$8,000.00	Active
Arlin McFarlane	That's Just How She Walks	$8,000.00	Active

Total number of applications 2010/11: 12

Yukon Sound Recording Program

Total Approved Amounts 2010/11
$47,845.75

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1 and November 1.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- *Professional Demo Recording of up to $2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of two tracks or five minutes.*
- *Professional Sound Recording of up to $5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of six tracks or 20 minutes.*

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Amelia Merhar	Biking Home	$592.00	Active
Erica Heyligers	Blue Grass Babes	$1,427.50	Active
Andre Gagne	End of an Aura	$1,700.00	Complete
Geoff Woods	The Trip	$2,000.00	Complete
Kate Weekes	Old Crow Duck Dance	$2,000.00	Complete
Brenda Berezan	Blue through the Trees	$2,000.00	Active
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Three song Demo Recording	$2,000.00	Complete
Susan Phillips	Lay Them Down	$2,000.00	Active
Rose Kirchner	Professional Demo Recording	$2,000.00	Active
Michael Brooks	Children's Music	$2,000.00	Active
Sylvie Painchaud	Professional Demo	$2,000.00	Active
Graeme Peters O/A Graeme Peters Music Services	Emo Has Happiness	$3,126.25	Complete
Grant Simpson	Beneath the Yukon Moon	$5,000.00	Complete
Benjamin Boyd	The Flying Gwitch'in Fiddler	$5,000.00	Active
Root Sellers Media	Dig the Planet	$5,000.00	Active
Jonas Smith	JJS3	$5,000.00	Active
SDS Production Musique	Soir de Semaine	$5,000.00	Complete

Total number of applications 2010/11: 29 applications

Statistical Summary

	2010/2011
Yukon Film Location Incentive	$386,652.96
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Production Fund	$3,634.50
Yukon Film Training Initiative	$26,450.00
Yukon Filmmakers Fund	$40,135.00
Yukon Sound Recording Program	$47,845.75
Total Film & Sound Incentive Funds Approved 10/11	$548,121.21